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Re: Docket No. 99D-0557

Dear Sirs:

My family and all my friends are really upset about the proposed research on and actual use of primates and pigs, etc. in xenotransplantation. It is a disgrace for our country to continue on this route.

The United States should follow Europe's lead on this one. In January 1999, the Council of Europe, representing 40 European countries, recommended a world-wide ban on xenotransplants.

There are safer and more humane alternatives to xenotransplantation, such as aggressively promoting preventive medicine and increasing human organ donation rates with more education and advocacy with ads and literature, etc.

There are many various risks of viral transmission, still completely unresearched, by using non-human transplants. It is an unknown risk which the FDA will not acknowledge and the whole idea of xeno transplantation is unnatural and even immoral from many aspects.

We beg you to discontinue this practice and do no further research. It is also wrong to spend the money on this which is being spent. Responsible health authorities would ban all xenotransplants, as you well know.

Sincerely,


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